

# WORCESTER



# TOWNSHIP

*At the Center Point*

*of Montgomery County*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The comprehensive plan is a community's primary guide to future growth and redevelopment. Early next year Worcester Township will begin its review and update our community's Comprehensive Plan...and we're looking for volunteers who want to serve on the Task Force that will lead this important effort.

Interested? Please visit [worcestertwp.com](http://worcestertwp.com) for more information and to download a volunteer application.

## FIRE ENGINES!

Be a part of the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Week event at Merrymeade Farm on Saturday October 12, from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Kids, this is your chance to explore super-cool fire engines and to meet real firefighters... all while learning about fire safety (in a fun way).

## THANK YOU!

Worcester Township recognizes the kind and generous sponsors of this year's Worcester Community Day.

CKS Engineers • Carroll Engineering  
Furey and Baldassari, PC  
The Gambone Group  
Keystone Municipal Services  
Metropolitan Veterinary Associates  
McMahon Transportation Engineers

**FREE!** FOOD

MOON BOUNCE

CRAFT FAIR

LIVE DJ

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP**

*Community Day*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 2019**

11AM TO 4PM  
HEEBNER PARK  
(RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 29)

**FREE!** ROCK WALLS

FIRE TRUCKS

**FREE!** PETTING ZOO

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT WORCESTER TOWNSHIP AT (610) 584-1410 OR [SHEINTZ@WORCESTERTWP.COM](mailto:SHEINTZ@WORCESTERTWP.COM)**

### ASK MARY ANN

When the telephone rings at the Township Building, and the resident on the line asks a question, Receptionist extraordinaire Mary Ann always has the answer. Here's one of questions that Mary Ann often fields, and her answer...

**RESIDENT:** "Do I need a survey to install a fence on my property?"

**MARY ANN:** "No, you may apply for a fence permit without a survey. But you must submit a plan that accurately shows the property line, so if you don't know where this is, getting a survey is something to consider. And don't forget to speak with your neighbor before digging that first fence post hole. Your neighbor may think the property line is located elsewhere... so talking now could prevent a problem later!"



### METHACTON APEX AWARDS HONOREES ANNOUNCED

The Methacton Education Foundation has proudly announced the Honorees for the first annual Methacton Apex Awards.

**Educator:** Cindy Kostenbader Cassel ('84)

**Alumni:** Chris Jones ('00) and John Rafferty ('71)

**Business:** J.P. Mascaro & Sons

**Community:** Jim Phelan and Marge Martinez

**Team/Club/Group:** 1964 MHS Football Team

All are invited to celebrate the Honorees' outstanding achievements at the Foundation's inaugural Methacton Apex Awards dinner at Presidential Caterers on Thursday, October 10. For more information, and to order tickets, please visit [methactonfoundation.org/Apex](http://methactonfoundation.org/Apex).



### ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED On-Time & Under Budget

The Township completed the 2019 Road Program in early August – on schedule and \$67,000 under budget! This year's program repaired and resurfaced more than 2.7 miles of Township-owned roads – a significant investment in our community's infrastructure. And that doesn't include the many smaller fixes made by our Public Works team throughout the year!

The Township will soon begin to prepare a list of roadways for possible repair or resurfacing in 2020. We'll carefully review our entire roadway network (all 56 miles!), assess any damage caused by winter storms, and prioritize improvements as conditions warrant.

Additional information on the 2020 Road Program will be published in the Winter newsletter.

### HOW MUCH CANDY IN THE FISHBOWL?

There is a fish bowl in the lobby of the Worcester Township Building. And in this fish bowl there is candy... Peanut Butter Balls to be exact. And lots of them.



How many Peanut Butter Balls are in the fish bowl is your guess, and if your guess is the closest without going over the actual number you'll win the candy, and sweet bragging rights.

Submit your guess at the Township Building, or by e-mail to [mmurray@worcestertwp.com](mailto:mmurray@worcestertwp.com), before 4:00pm on on October 25 (just in time for Halloween). One guess per person please. The winner will be announced in our next newsletter.

And congratulations to Linda Snyder, whose guess of 187 came closest to the actual number of lollipops (190) in the fishbowl in our last contest. Linda, don't forget to share!

The candy is kindly contributed by the employees of Worcester Township, who are not eligible to submit a guess (sorry folks!).

### TOWNSHIP AUDIT GETS BIG THUMBS-UP!

At a public meeting in June the Township's appointed auditor presented and discussed the audited financial statements for 2018. The auditor found no problems or other concerns, and noted that audits conducted in recent years were given similar clean bills of health.

The auditor also highlighted the Township's conservative approach to budgeting, which has produced consistently reliable revenue and expenditure projections. In 2017 Worcester Township received the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence for its annual budget.

Copies of the current audit and budget, as well as those for the previous five years, are posted to the Finance page at the Township website, [worcestertwp.com/departments/finance](http://worcestertwp.com/departments/finance).



### HOME COOKIN' AT MEADOWOOD

By Meadowood Senior Living Resident and Amateur Chefs Nick & Maryland Wanck

Before moving to Meadowood, we both enjoyed active, full careers. Family time was paramount! Often, we'd prepare dinner together to allow us to play golf as a family or support our children's many activities. Now retired, we find more time to read, play bridge, volunteer, and travel, finding each area of this wonderful world adding to "the education of life."



At Meadowood we continue to live an independent, active lifestyle while enjoying the numerous advantages Meadowood offers its residents. Wellness has always been paramount; we walk and work-out and are often on the golf course in nicer weather. As summer fades into fall, days turn crisp and outdoor activities are savored as they wind down. Cooler days offer opportunity to enjoy more hearty meals than summer's more casual fare. On evenings when we're at home, oven meals and baked desserts fill our home with their delicious smells. Join us to enjoy an easy favorite dessert.



- Nick & Maryland Wanck



### VARIETY TRAIL RUN & FALL FEST

Variety – the Children's Charity will host its Trail Run & Fall Fest on Saturday, October 12 from 9am to 3pm at its Worcester campus. Participants can take part in a four-mile chip-timed run or a one to four-mile walk.

And after the race everyone is invited to enjoy a great Fall Fest that features food, vendors, live music, and fun for the entire family that includes a dunk tank and sensory-friendly trick-or-treating.

The run begins at 9am, and the Fall Fest begins thereafter and continues to 3pm. Registered runners and walkers will receive a race shirt, swag bag, and a wristband to attend the Fall Fest. Separate wristbands can be purchased to attend the Fall Fest only.

To register for the race, buy Fall Fest wristbands, or for more information visit [varietyphila.org](http://varietyphila.org).

### RECYCLING IDEAS Clean before Recycling

If your refuse or recycling bill has increased in the last year, the hike is likely due to the decline in recyclables market. China, the biggest importer of US recyclables in recent years, has stopped accepting these materials, citing excessive contamination. Bottles, containers and paper products that are covered in food and other wastes can render entire loads unusable.

You can help improve the quality, and market value, of recyclables by taking a few moments to wash these items before tossing them into the recycle bin. And if a can or bottle is too dirty to clean, place it in the trash can.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Keystone Technologies

WE RECENTLY SPOKE WITH IRA GREENBERG, CEO OF KEYSTONE TECHNOLOGIES.

KEYSTONE TECHNOLOGIES IS ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BUSINESS COMMUNITY, HAVING RECENTLY OPENED SHOP AT 2750 MORRIS ROAD.

**What products does Keystone Technologies produce?**

Keystone is a major producer of energy-efficient lighting components and lighting fixtures for commercial and industrial applications (retrofit and new installation).

**Why did you pick Worcester as your company's new home?**

Relocating our business from North Wales to Worcester enabled us to retain nearly all of our employees. Additionally, we find the local Worcester talent market dynamic and attractive to help us achieve our growth.



**What do you like most about our community?**

Though the community is accessible by key roadways, the Township retains its quiet, pastoral charm. Keystone cares deeply about our environment, so being surrounded by beautiful, natural spaces lends well to our mission of being an ecologically-friendly company.

**How many folks do you employ, and are you hiring?**

We currently employ about 140 people and expect to hire up to 20 more by the end of the year in a variety of different office and warehousing functions.

## PETER WENTZ FARMSTEAD EVENTS

CHECK OUT THESE TWO GREAT EVENTS COMING TO THE PETER WENTZ FARMSTEAD, OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST HISTORIC SITE!

**NIGHT LIFE - FALL & WINTER 1777**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, TOURS BEGIN 7:30PM**

What happened at the Wentz House as General Washington prepared for the Battle of Germantown? Explore night time during the autumn of 1777, and the experiences had by residents like the Wentz family and the military travelling in the area. Tour suitable for ages 12+. Pre-registration is required.



**WAR COMES TO WORCESTER 1777**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11AM TO 3PM**

Learn how the Wentz family coped when General Washington and his staff used their house as a military headquarters during the busy harvest season. Experience camp life for the British and Continental Armies that were battling throughout the region during the Philadelphia Campaign. Suitable for all ages.

A \$2 per person suggested donation. To register for these events, or for more information, contact the Peter Wentz Farmstead at (610) 584-5104.

## WORCESTER GIRL SCOUT WINS AWARD

Congratulations to Worcester resident and Girl Scout Purvi Bharne, who earned the Gold Award for her work to design and construct a community bulletin board at Sunny Brook Park. The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, recognizing Scouts who demonstrate extraordinary leadership that benefits their communities and beyond.



The Township will post important community announcement and park information to the bulletin board. Check out Purvi's terrific work the next time you visit the park!

Purvi was ably assisted by her fellow Scouts in Troop 7271. Worcester Township thanks Purvi for a job well done!

## WHO'S KNOCKING

Door-to-door sales in Worcester Township are allowed by permit only. To obtain a permit all solicitors must provide photo identification, complete a criminal records check, and abide by certain regulations in the Township Code.



Solicitors must also carry their Township-issued permit at all times, and make it available to property owners.

Worcester Township lists active solicitation permits on the front page of our website, worcestertwp.com. If someone selling in your neighborhood is not listed on our

website, call the Township Building at (610) 584-1410.

Please note that local governments can't require religious organizations, political candidates and certain non-profit advocates to obtain a permit... as the courts have ruled that doing

so violates free speech. But property owners have the final say as to whether any solicitor is allowed on their properties. So consider posting a "no solicitation" sign on your front lawn or near the front door if you want to stop commercial and non-commercial solicitors from interrupting dinner.

## WORCESTER SCENES



**LOOK FAMILIAR?** The first person to identify this location in Worcester Township will receive a neat prize, and a shout-out in our very next newsletter. Send your best guess to Mary Ann at mmurray@worcestertwp.com.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMMUNITY HALL!

Worcester Township Community Hall turns 100 years old in 2019. Some folks think Community Hall, located on Valley Forge Road in Fairview Village, is a former one-room school house, but it isn't. The building, then known as Assembly Hall, was constructed by the Fairview Village Assembly, a community organization established to promote agriculture and sociability. In the years that followed Assembly Hall hosted a wide variety of events, from civic meetings and community suppers to square dances and family reunions.

The Township purchased the building in 1983. Today, public meetings are held at Community Hall, and the basement level is home to Boy Scout Troop 133.

Source: A History of Worcester Township.



## TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

There's are about 115 shopping days until Christmas. And this year the Worcester Township Building will again serve as a drop-off location for the Toys for Tots program. You can help the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve deliver a memorable holiday to those in our community who are less fortunate.

Stop in to donate a new, unwrapped gift up to December 9. The Township Building is open Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 4:30pm. (Please note we'll be closed on November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Used toys, realistic-looking toy weapons and items containing food can't be accepted. For more information about the Toys for Tots Program please visit toysfortots.org.

## FREE LITTLE LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

**IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE**  
BY LAURA NUMEROFF  
REVIEWED BY ADDY "ICE" MCINTYRE (AGE 5)

**The Story...** A mouse asks for a cookie then asks for lots of other things.

**My Favorite Part...** The end because the mouse asks for another cookie and that made me laugh. And the pictures are funny too.

**My Recommendation...** Read this book if you like to laugh.

Thank you, Addy, for an amazing book review!



Would you like to review a book from our Little Free Library collection? Simply visit the library at the Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road, pick a book (it's free), and ask a parent to contact Recreation Coordinator Steven Heintz at (610) 584-1410, or by email at sheintz@worcestertwp.com.

## DAYS GONE BY

Fairview Village, and all properties that now front Germantown Pike, were included in a 1683 land grant from William Penn (yes, that William Penn), to James Clayton. Clayton, his wife Jane, and their six children were among the hundreds of immigrants who traveled to America with Penn a year earlier.

Source: A History of Worcester Township.

## HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

Montgomery County's popular Hazardous Household Waste Collection is winding down for the year... there are only two collection events remaining in 2019.

**Saturday, Sept. 28**  
**Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center**  
**400 South Lewis Road, Royersford**

**Sunday, Oct. 20**  
**Lower Merion Transfer Station**  
**1300 North Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley**

This is a perfect opportunity to safely and responsibly discard used motor oil, old bottles of weed killer, and Dallas Cowboys jerseys. Both events are from 9am to 3pm, and are free for all Montgomery County residents (business and industrial wastes are not accepted).

For complete program information – including a detailed list of acceptable materials – visit [montcoparecycles.org](http://montcoparecycles.org), e-mail [recycling@montcopa.org](mailto:recycling@montcopa.org), or call the Montgomery County recycling line at (610) 278-3618.

## WATERSHED PROTECTION TIP

Building a new patio or walkway? Consider using flagstones, brick pavers or gravel, as these materials allow stormwater to infiltrate into the local aquifer with minimal run-off. And these patios and walkways are often less costly to construct and maintain. That's a win for our environment and a win for your wallet!



This Watershed Protection Tip is part of Worcester Township's ongoing efforts to provide public education on stormwater management and to protect our environment.

## 4TH ANNUAL WORCESTER TOWNSHIP FOOD DRIVE

**MOST WORCESTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FINDING THEIR NEXT MEAL OR FEEDING A FAMILY. OTHERS ARE LESS FORTUNATE.**

As the season of giving approaches please remember those in need by giving to the 4th Annual Worcester Township Food Drive. Food items can be dropped off at the Township Building, 1721 Valley Forge Road, Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm.

For residents who want to give, but who are unable to stop by the Township Building during normal business hours, the Township is offering two convenient pick-up days! Just leave your donation in a paper bag at the front door, and we'll do the rest. Pick-ups must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of collection.

The two pick-up days are...

- Thursday, November 7
- Thursday, November 14

To schedule a pick-up call the Township Building at (610) 584-1410.

All food collected will be donated to the local Salvation Army Food Cupboard. Please note that we can't accept expired goods, homemade items or any food in glass containers. Thank you for your support! 🍷



## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS HOURS LOGGED

Through the first six months of 2019, the men and women of the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department logged 3,102 hours conducting drills and responding to calls for help. If these folks were paid firefighters, the estimated cost to Worcester taxpayers for the same number of service hours would total about \$331,900.

And if the Township were to employ a full-time paid fire department this cost would top \$2 million per year, or about \$180 for each person now living in Worcester!

Our volunteer firefighters may not be paid, but maintaining a dependable volunteer fire department isn't free. The Worcester Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for persons who can help protect our community. But if you don't have the time to volunteer please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to those who are willing to put themselves in harm's way to keep our families safe. 🍷

**Send your contribution to:**  
Worcester Volunteer Fire Department  
1725 Valley Forge Road  
Post Office Box 1  
Worcester, PA 19490



## MAKING CENTS

Saving taxpayer money, it's one of the things Worcester Township does best! Here's another example of a step we're taking today to keep our financial position secure tomorrow.



### WHAT WE DID...

We chip downed branches and branches delivered to the Township's compost bins, and we use the mulch at select off-road trails.

### THE DETAILS...

We take great pride in our efforts to keep our parks and trails looking great. Mulched areas not only look great, but also help to control the spread of noxious weeds and other invasive plants. The Township uses the mulch it chips to resurface the Heyser trail, the Moran Trail and other naturalized areas throughout the parks system.

### HOW MUCH WE SAVED...

Most commercially purchased mulch costs between \$30 to \$40 per cubic yard. By making and spreading our own mulch, our cost is about \$9 per cubic yard. This saves taxpayers approximately \$3,900 each year. 🍷

## SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

### THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDER REVIEW:

- Palmer - A subdivision of seven commercial lots and one residential parcel at Skippack Pike and Valley Forge Road.

### THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ARE AMONG THOSE RECEIVING APPROVAL IN THE RECENT YEARS, AND CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT YET BEGUN:

- Meadowood - A 4,200 sf addition for administrative offices and resident amenities at an existing retirement community at Skippack Pike.
- Sparango Construction - An eight single-family detached home subdivision on Berks Road.
- Stony Creek Village - Office, retail and restaurant buildings at North Wales Road & Township Line Road.

### THE FOLLOWING APPROVED SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- Meadowood, The Grove - A 52-unit age-restricted development at an existing retirement community at Skippack Pike.
- Reserve at Center Square - A residential subdivision at Skippack Pike that includes 125 townhomes and 125 single-family detached homes.
- Whitehall Estates - A 39 single-family detached home subdivision on Whitehall Road.

All plans are available for public review at the Township Building, Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 4:30pm. 🍷

## JUMP START FALL SPORTS

### INTRODUCTORY TENNIS

Specifically designed for boys and girls ages 6 to 10, this program teaches the basics of the game in an engaging and fun way. Bring a racket, tennis shoes, and water bottle.

**Tuesdays, Sept. 3 to Oct. 8**  
5:30pm to 6:45pm  
Heebner Park Tennis Courts  
\$85 (includes t-shirt)

### JUNIOR ALL-STARS

A variety of sports for the wee-ones ages 2.5 to 4. Soccer, hockey, basketball, track & field... it's a different sport every week. Fun and fitness in one program!

**Saturdays, Sept. 7 to Oct. 12**  
(no program on 9/28)  
10:00am to 11:00am or 11:00am to 12:00pm  
Heebner Park Front Field  
\$70 (includes t-shirt and award)

Register at [jumpstartsports.com](http://jumpstartsports.com). Questions? Contact Jen Yuvan at [jyuvan@jumpstartsports.com](mailto:jyuvan@jumpstartsports.com).

## OVERTIME ATHLETICS BASKETBALL

Overtime Athletics will host a basketball league for Worcester children this fall! The league is open to boys and girls in the second, third and fourth grades, and will focus on learning the basics of basketball in a fun way!



**Practices: Wednesdays, Sept. 4 to Oct. 23, 4-5pm**

**Games: Saturdays, Sept. 7 to Oct. 26, 9-11am (no games 9/28)**

**Location: Heebner Park Basketball Courts**  
**Cost: \$200/child**

To register please visit [otathletics.com](http://otathletics.com), select "leagues", then select Worcester Township as your location. Questions? Contact Brandon at [bozek@otathletics.com](mailto:bozek@otathletics.com).



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1721 VALLEY FORGE ROAD  
P.O. BOX 767  
WORCESTER, PA 19490

HOURS: 7:00 AM-4:30 PM  
PHONE: (610) 584-1410  
FAX: (610) 584-8901  
WORCESTERTWP.COM

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SUSAN CAUGHLAN, VICE CHAIR  
STEPHEN QUIGLEY, MEMBER

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E-NEWS SIGNUP AT WORCESTERTWP.COM



## TRASH TO TREASURES YARD SALE

**Saturday, October 19**

The Worcester Historical Society will host a Trash to Treasures Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8am to 2pm, at Community Hall, in Fairview Village (please enter from 3020 Griffith Road). Mark your calendar, your treasure awaits!

All vendors are welcomed. For event details and vendor registration please visit [worcesterhistorical.org](http://worcesterhistorical.org), or contact Debbie Kavanaugh at (610) 613-3878.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Every Friday afternoon the Township distributes a "Peek at the Week" – a list of Township meetings and community events scheduled for the upcoming seven days, plus other useful information. To get your Peek by e-mail simply enroll for E-News Sign-Up at [worcestertwp.com](http://worcestertwp.com).

Peek at the Week is also posted to the Township's Facebook (@worcestertownship) and Twitter (@WorcesterTwp) accounts. Check us out!



## RIDEATAXIA RIDES AGAIN!

**Sunday, October 13**

The 11th Annual rideATAXIA event will get underway on Sunday, October 13 at the Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell. Cyclists will tackle scenic and challenging roads along four, eight, 25 and 50-mile routes during this fully-supported event.

rideATAXIA benefits FARA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to curing Friedreich's ataxia, a debilitating, and life shortening, degenerative neuro-muscular disorder. rideATAXIA events across the US have raised more than \$6 million since 2007. For more information visit [rideATAXIA.org/philly](http://rideATAXIA.org/philly).